

SENATE BILL 669

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 5; Title 39, Chapter 11, Part 1 and Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to coercion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(3) "Coercion" means to exploit fear or anxiety through the use of a threat or threats, intimidation, domination or control to:

- (A) Commit any offense;
- (B) Wrongfully accuse any person of any offense;
- (C) Expose any person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule;
- (D) Harm the credit or business repute of any person;
- (E) Take or withhold action as a public servant or cause a public servant to take or withhold action;
- (F) Abuse the legal process; or
- (G) Compel conduct or compliance;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.